

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

July 30, 2004

IN RE:

PETITION OF BELL SOUTH
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR EXEMPTION OF
CERTAIN SERVICES.

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DOCKET NO.
03-00391

ORDER AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On June 16, 2003 BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Citizens Communications, Inc. (collectively "the Petitioners") filed a *Petition for Exemption of Certain Services* (the "*Petition*") in this docket. The Petitioners request exemption from regulation of their intraLATA toll service and primary rate ISDN ("PRI") service. This matter is before the Hearing Officer for consideration of *BellSouth's Proposed Procedural Schedule for PRI Exemption* filed on July 16, 2004.

On June 18, 2004 the Hearing Officer issued an order setting out a procedural schedule for the portion of this docket dealing with intraLATA exemption issues. The June 18, 2004 Order set July 16, 2004 as the date for the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule for the remainder of this docket dealing with PRI exemption issues. The June 18, 2004 Order also preserved the right of the parties to file a motion seeking oral argument regarding intraLATA exemption issues before the voting panel assigned to this docket after the parties' briefs are filed.

On July 23, 2004 AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC ("AT&T") filed the *Comments of AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC* ("Comments"). In its

Comments AT&T requested the opportunity to present oral argument regarding issues related to intraLATA exemption.

Only BellSouth has filed a proposed procedural schedule. No party has filed an objection to the schedule proposed by BellSouth or to the request for oral argument filed by AT&T.

Upon review of *BellSouth's Proposed Procedural Schedule for PRI Exemption* and AT&T's request for oral argument and based on the absence of a filed objection from other parties to this docket the Hearing Officer finds *BellSouth's Proposed Procedural Schedule for PRI Exemption* well taken and that it should be adopted with certain modifications as follows:

August 2, 2004	First Round Discovery Requests Served
August 2, 2004	Protective Order Filed with Hearing Officer
August 16, 2004	Responses to First Round of Discovery Requests Served
August 30, 2004	Hearing – oral argument regarding intraLATA exemption issues. The Hearing will commence immediately following the Regularly Scheduled Authority Conference (the conference will begin at 1:00 p.m.)
August 30, 2004	Second Round of Discovery Requests Served; Motion to Compel Responses to First Round of Discovery (if necessary).
September 13, 2004	Responses to Second Round of Discovery Requests Served
September 27, 2004	Supplemental Discovery Responses Required to be Provided Pursuant to any Order Granting Motion to Compel (if applicable)
October 4, 2004	Direct Testimony (all parties)
October 18, 2004	Rebuttal Testimony (all parties)
November 8, 2004	Hearing before Panel regarding PRI exemption issues will commence immediately following the Regularly Scheduled Authority Conference (the conference will begin at 1:00 p.m.)
November 22, 2004	Post-Hearing Briefs

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The procedural schedule in this docket is modified as set forth herein.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Randal L. Gilliam', written in black ink.

Randal L. Gilliam, Hearing Officer